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KUWAIT PASS PARSKY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ENRG, EINV, PFOR, OPEC, OVIP, QA, US

SUBJ: PARSKY VISIT TO QATAR

REF: STATE 72739

1. SUMMARY: TREASURY ASST SEC PARSKY'S VISIT TO QATAR PRODUCED  
USEFUL EXCHANGES WITH GOQ ON INVESTMENT AND ENERGY MATTERS.  
QATARIS AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO PROPOSAL FOR GOV'T-TO-GOV'T  
CONSULTATIONS ON MAJOR INVESTMENTS IN US. GOQ FIRMLY SUPPORTS  
OPEC/LDC VIEW THAT PRODUCER/CONSUMER CONFERENCE SHOULD TREAT  
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ENERGY WITHIN RAW MATERIALS/NEW WORLD ECONOMIC ORDER RUBRIC.

PARSKY VISIT CONCRETE EVIDENCE OF US INTEREST IN HIGH-LEVEL BILATERAL DIALOG WITH GOQ ON ENERGY AND INVESTMENT MATTERS, AND AS SUCH WELL-RECEIVED HERE. END SUMMARY

2. TREASURY ASST SEC PARSKY MADE BRIEF VISIT TO QATAR AFTERNOON/EVENING OF APRIL 12. HE MET WITH GOQ PETROLEUM AND FINANCE MINISTER ABDUL AZIZ BIN KHALIFA AL THANI AND ATTENDED WORKING DINNER WITH KEY OFFICIALS IN PETROLEUM/FINANCE FIELDS. CALL ON ABDUL AZIZ GIVEN PROMINENT COVERAGE IN LOCAL PRESS AND ON TV.

3. IN HOUR-LONG MEETING WITH ABDUL AZIZ, PARSKY OUTLINED NEW INTER-AGENCY MECHANISMS IN INVESTMENT AREA AND EMPHASIZED PROPOSAL FOR GOV'T-TO-GOV'T CONSULTATIONS ON PLANNED SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENTS IN US BY FOREIGN COUNTRIES. PARSKY STRESSED VOLUNTARY NATURE OF CONSULTATIONS AND ASKED FOR GOQ REACTION.

4. ABDUL AZIZ SAID HE THOUGHT STATUTORY REGULATIONS ALREADY EXISTED IN US TO CONTROL FOREIGN INVESTMENTS. PARSKY REPLIED THAT SEVERAL SUCH BILLS CURRENTLY BEFORE CONGRESS, BUT IF AGREEMENT REACHED ON CONSULTATIONS WITH MAJOR FOREIGN GOV'T INVESTORS (PRINCIPALLY OPEC), CHANCES FOR PASSAGE OF SUCH RESTRICTIVE LEGISLATION COULD BE DIMINISHED. ABDUL AZIZ SAID HE COULD "AGREE IN PRINCIPLE" TO SUCH CONSULTATIONS, BUT ASKED FOR FURTHER DETAILS. PARSKY REPLIED THAT HE WOULD PROVIDE SUCH DETAILS IN FORM OF LETTER TO GOQ WITHIN TWO WEEKS. (COMMENT: ABDUL AZIZ' AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE NOTWITHSTANDING, A FINAL GOQ DECISION ON SUCH MATTER WILL INEVITABLY GO TO AMIR. WE BELIEVE GOQ WILL NOT RPT NOT FOCUS ON THIS FURTHER UNTIL THEY RECEIVE PARSKY'S PROPOSAL IN WRITING.)

5. TURNING TO SUBJECT OF PRODUCER/CONSUMER PREPCON, PARSKY SAID THAT HE HAD JUST COME FROM PARIS AND THAT TALKS WERE STILL GOING ON. HE BRIEFLY DESCRIBED POLARIZATION OF VIEWPOINTS AND OUTLINED US POSITION ON AGENDA. ABDUL AZIZ ASKED SEVERAL QUESTIONS ABOUT PROPOSED TIMING AND COMPOSITION OF FULL CONFERENCE, AND REMARKED THAT HE PERSONALLY PESSIMISTIC RE OUTCOME OF PRODUCER/CONSUMER DIALOG IN GENERAL BECAUSE OF COMPLEXITY OF ISSUES AND WIDELY DIVERGENT INTERESTS IN PARTIES.

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6. AT WORKING DINNER HOSTED BY AMBASSADOR, DISCUSSION CENTERED ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY ON PRODUCER/CONSUMER DIALOG, AND PARTICULARLY PARIS PREPCON. PARSKY BRIEFED GROUP ON US POSITION IN RELATION TO EVENTS AT PREPCON. DR HASSAN KAMAL, AMIR'S POLITICAL/DIPLOMATIC ADVISOR, WHO ALSO INFLUENTIAL ON OIL/FINANCIAL AFFAIRS, ASSUMED ROLE AS SPOKESMAN FOR GOQ ATTENDEES. KAMEL SAID IT HIS IMPRESSION FROM PRESS REPORTS THAT "STIFF" US POSITION RE EXCLUSIVE DISCUSSION OF ENERGY SUBJECT HAD

CAUSED PREPCON DEADLOCK. PARSKY OUTLINED US VIEWS AND US AND OTHER CONSUMER GROUP EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE COMPROMISE, AND EXPLANATION APPEARED TO HAVE SOME IMPACT ON KAMEL'S IMPRESSION THAT US TO BLAME FOR DEADLOCK. ALL AGREED IT WOULD BE TRAGEDY FOR ALL CONCERNED IF PREPCON BROKE UP WITHOUT ASSURING FOLLOW ON GENERAL CONFERENCE. HOWEVER, GOQ GROUP FIRMLY AGREED WITH OPEC/LDC POSITION AT PREPCON THAT AGENDA SHOULD TREAT ENERGY WITHIN OVERALL RUBRIC OF RAW MATERIALS AND WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF NEW WORLD ECONOMIC ORDER.

7. (KAMEL ALSO TOOK OPPORTUNITY TO TREAT PARSKY TO LONG EXPOSITION RE NEED FOR U.S. TO CEASE ITS LONELY SUPPORT OF WORLD-DEFYING ISRAEL BY ORDERING ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL TO 1967 BORDERS. HE CITED EISENHOWER ACTION DURING 1956 SUEZ WAR AS CONVINCING PRECEDENT FOR SUCH U.S. MOVE.)

8. COMMENT: PARSKY VISIT, THOUGH BRIEF, WAS USEFUL AND TIMELY EVIDENCE OF US INTEREST IN HIGH-LEVEL BILATERAL DIALOG WITH GOQ ON ENERGY AND INVESTMENT MATTERS. PARSKY STRESSED NEED FOR MORE FREQUENT VISITS FROM BOTH SIDES AND GOQ APPEARS RECEPTIVE. PARSKY WELL-RECEIVED BY GOQ WHICH OBVIOUSLY PLEASED BY VISIT. PAGANELLI

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